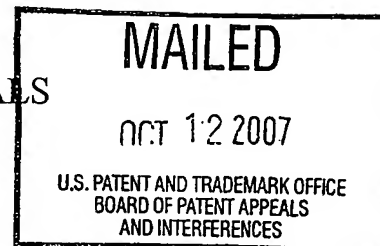


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES



Ex parte ROBERT C. HOCHTRITT and ANDREW M. CONGER

Application No. 10/660,694

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 23, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

The Examiner's Answer mailed on March 02, 2007, includes a rejection for claims 1-20 under 37 CFR 103(a). The reference relied upon for the rejection of the claims on appeal include a foreign reference EP 320282. No full length English translation of the above reference has been provided. Rather, the Examiner relies upon an English translation of the abstract and provides a copy of the untranslated foreign reference.

The Examiner must provide a complete English translation of any foreign reference relied upon in the rejection of the claims on appeal. Further, a copy of the English translation is required to be mailed to appellant and forwarded for scanning into IFW.


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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner

- 1) for the submission of the full length English Translation of EP 320282, a copy of which needs be sent for scanning into the electronic file;
- 2) and for such further action as is required.

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